The Safety House scheme was brought to the Windsor electorate and the Enoggera State School by Rick Woodyatt four years ago after he saw the success of the scheme in Victoria and at Booval, Ipswich. It was a privilege to work with Rick on this pilot scheme and to see it succeed. Rick went on to become a member of the State management committee and has left a very clear mark on the development of the scheme across the State, with its aim of protecting young people from dangers associated with approaches from strangers.

There is a need for an expansion of that scheme to all parts of the State. Other Safety House schemes in my local area are operating at Newmarket, Wilston, Grange, Windsor and Wooloowin. Individuals such as Beryl Wogan, Harry Cummings, Frank Lee and Pam Kelly spend many voluntary hours in ensuring that the scheme works well and provides a real safety net for young people.

Last year's Budget provided the funds for a new library for the Newmarket High School. Although requests and agitation for the library had gone on for years—the p. and c. president, Mr Brier Thomas, and I had despaired of ever obtaining the facility—it was only finally approved last year and opened on 27 April by the Minister for Education. It has been a great boon to the school and its students.

Newmarket High School is an excellent school and has a very competent total school co-ordinating committee which oversees broad policy for the high school and State primary school, as well as public use of the facilities. The co-ordinating committee does a great job and evokes a wide range of community interest and support from such divergent sources as service clubs and retired people. It is unfortunate that the driving force of the co-ordinating committee, the community education officer, has recently been removed from the school.

In a recent letter to the Minister for Education—and I notice that the Minister for Education is in the Chamber—Mr Frank Lee, honorary secretary for the Newmarket High School, stated that the community education officer was an essential part of the school and had at least six important functions. I wonder when the Minister for Education is going to reply to Mr Lee's letter about the community education officer. The Minister is not going to respond in the Committee, but I do draw to his attention the fact that he has not replied to the letter from the secretary of the Newmarket High School.

The functions of the education officer as outlined by Frank Lee were as follows—

(1) achieving a much closer liaison and strengthening ties between local community and teaching and administrative sections of the school;

(2) being available for contact by concerned parents regarding the welfare of their children, providing reassurance, help and advice about a possible course of action;

(3) liaison with parents helping them understand today's education and its requirements;

(4) providing a link between the student in the class room and the influences outside the class room;

(5) creating an awareness of the school as the centre of the community; and

(6) providing a necessary and visible link between primary and high schools.

Frank Lee finished his letter by stating—

"Newmarket State High School has a community resource file which we believe to be second to none. We can also boast parent participation, not only in the traditional areas of education such as the P & C, tuckshop, etc. but also in the total school co-ordinating committee, curriculum committee, lap and many smaller (but of no lesser importance) areas of education. Indeed, Newmarket has been recognized by many senior officers of the Education Department as leaders in community education. Much of this has been brought about by the work of the community education officers."